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1. Derutra enjoys a transport monopoly of all goods and materials entering or leaving the DDR except for the following:
    - a. The imports which arrive by sea at DDR ports from Western countries. All such imports are made on a c.i.f. basis and are the responsibility of the foreign exporters.
    - b. The exports which are transported by road and rail to Western Germany and other Western countries. The responsible agency for such exports is VEB Deutsche Spedition, operating in conjunction with Schenker & Co. GmbH., Berlin, and P. Lehms & Co., Leipzig. The particulars of the costs incurred in such deliveries are submitted to Derutra for accounting purposes.
    - c. Russian Army transportation of men and materials, which is controlled entirely by the SCC. A quarterly summary of costs incurred (expressed in terms of kilometers covered and type and quantity of transport employed) is submitted to Derutra for inclusion in its accounts.
  2. At the end of each quarter, Derutra prepares a balance sheet showing:
    - a. the costs incurred by Derutra
    - b. The costs incurred by VEB Deutsche Spedition
    - c. The costs incurred by Russian military transports (which are also charged against the DDR economy).
- These figures are sent to the Deutsche Notenbank and entered on the DDR Reparations Account.
3. All export deliveries coming under the direct control of Derutra are handled in the following manner:
    - a. The orders placed with a DDR firm by a foreign importer, either as reparations or under the terms of a trade agreement, are submitted in six copies. Of these, two are retained by the customer, one is sent to the firm concerned, one to the SCC, one to the Deutsche Notenbank, and one to Derutra.
    - b. When the whole or a substantial part of a given order has been executed by the firm responsible, notice is sent either to one of Derutra's branch offices or in the case of firms in the Berlin area, to the Derutra main office in

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Berlin. In the former case, the branch office automatically notifies Derutra, Berlin.

- c. Derutra is then responsible for all transport arrangements for the time the order is in the DDR. A transport number and delivery order number are allotted by the GDR Transportation Division (Transportabteilung). Derutra is usually informed only of the transport method by which, and the point at which, the order is to leave the country.

1. Daily report on deliveries (both incoming and outgoing) is submitted to the GDR Transportation Division.

Derutra receives advance notice of goods entering the DDR and is responsible for their transportation from the point of entry to their destination within the DDR.

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